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WASHINGTON, DC - Today, U.S. Senator Charles Schumer (D-NY) and U.S. Rep. Michael Arcuri (NY-24) announced that the Cortland Regional Medical Center would receive \$250,000 in the Fiscal Year 2010 Omnibus Appropriations Bill to help fund the construction of a brand new facility at the medical center which will house a modern maternity and surgery ward. Early estimations find that the expansion project will create 50 local construction jobs and 21 jobs associated with the medical center's completed wing.

"Hospitals - in addition to providing life saving and maternity services - are engines of the local economy," **Schumer said**. "I'm proud that I was able help secure this critical funding that will increase crucial health services, like bringing health babies into this world, and create jobs in the middle of a difficult economy."

"Cortland Regional Medical Center is a remarkable local hospital that services communities throughout the region with expert care and service," **Arcuri said**. "This funding will not only go towards building a facility that will offer state-of-the-art medical services for residents from across the district, but will also create jobs in both the construction and medical services field. With the help of this federal funding, Cortland Regional Medical Center will be able to continue its tradition of top notch healthcare for many years to come."

"We appreciate the tremendous support we have received from Congressman Arcuri and Senator Schumer," **Cortland Regional Medical Center President Brian Mitteer said**. "This funding will be extremely important as we move forward on this project."

This funding will be used to support the construction of a 46,000 square foot, three-story addition to Cortland Regional Medical Center to modernize maternity and surgical services. Surgical suites are currently located in a section of the facility built in 1966; maternity and labor/delivery units are housed in the 1911 east wing of the facility. The expansion is part of a larger strategic plan buy the medical center to recruit surgeons, obstetricians, and

anesthesiologists to the region.

The House is expected to pass the FY 2010 Omnibus Appropriations Bill this week and then it will go to the Senate for a vote before reaching President Obama for final approval.

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